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"Summer Nights - Wine and Cuisine Festival", presented by Torque Media Group, is the first event of its kind to feature these tasty attractions. Beverages and food samplings will be served up by vendors from the County and abroad and live seminars will also be offered. These seminars will be performed by industry professionals and will enlighten even the most knowledgeable beverage and food enthusiasts.

Perhaps one of the biggest highlights for the weekend will be a live performance by



Juno Award Winning blues band "Fathead" on Saturday between 7-11 pm. The concert is for those 19 years and older.

So why was Haliburton chosen as the site to host this event? Here are a few reasons.

For many, Haliburton represents a place of many lifelong memories and childhood dreams. It is also a place where families have escaped for generations to relax and spend quality time in the summer months. Haliburton is also an ideal location because of how the population explodes during the summer months, drawing in upwards of 100,000+ people.

"What better place to host a wine and cuisine festival than in a place where indulgence in life's finer things is mandatory-cottage country," says Adam Brind, event organizer and President of Torque Media "This year, as we host the first annual wine and cuisine festival in Haliburton, it is our hope that attendees are entertained, enlightened and enriched with knowledge that makes those long summer nights more enjoyable."

Admission to the event is \$15 which includes access to the entire festival including seminars, live entertainment and vendors as well as the Canoe FM Blues and Jazz Concert. A portion of proceeds from the event will go to Cottage Dreams. For more information visit www.summernightsfest.com or call Torque Media at 416 840-6399.

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World-class white-water will test athlete's skill while spectators enjoy up close viewing of timed slalom runs down one of Ontario's most scenic wild rivers. This championship race is held annually at different sites throughout North America.

"The Gull River is a popular site, therefore we are expecting upwards of 150 participants this year" says organizer Andrew Westwood of the event.

2008 marks the third time the ACA has selected a site in Canada. Paddlers regularly come from as far away as Japan. Open Canoe Slalom consists of paddlers negotiating a down river route, often dodging menacing rocks, ledges and chutes in a quest to attain the winning time from start to finish and competitors must pass through hanging gate poles.

Victory is awarded to the fastest and most precise paddlers as penalties are assigned to those who touch any of the gates. Competition is organized into a variety of classes based on boat type, gender and age. Expect to see solo and tandem canoes, arranged in open Masters and Citizen classes. Perhaps the most exciting thing about this whole event is the significant local interest in the Junior class. Ontario boasts some of the strongest young paddlers on the continent so come on out and catch all the action!

For more information contact Andrew Westwood at 613 224-5628 or email

Take a 'Tour De Forest'

Become an art adventurer and explore the second annual Tour de Forest on Sat. August 2 and Sunday, Aug. 3.

A total of six art studios featuring 20 artists will be included in this second annual event that is all about the artists. Come take a scenic route and discover the many studios that Haliburton County has to offer.

Tom Green, one of the event organizers, says that last year's event brought out about 300 people and that this year's tour is sure to be just as successful.

"It's an art studio tour done with a little twist," says Green. "The comments from some of the guests last year was that they enjoyed being able to stop at one place and see three or four different artists."

In addition to some of the local artists on the tour, there are also few who are from outside of the County.

Green adds that the artists will be putting on demonstrations for people and that there will be many treats for visitors along the way. For more information on this event send an email to jselbie@halhinet.on.ca or call Tom Green at Glass Eagles Studio at 705-286-3628.



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Spotlight

On Business

By Tyson Farrell

The Future of Highland Heating?

As the cost of oil continues to rise many Highlanders are looking for new ways to heat their houses. Heating oil is getting more expensive every day and the forced air furnace is looking less and less desirable. One such Highland business that is providing a new and revolutionary home heating alternative is Haliburton Geothermal.

Haliburton Geothermal is owned by Haliburton native Greg Brown, and he operates it with his sons Andrew and Benton. Although Brown has been installing geothermal systems around the Highlands for more than five years, not many people are familiar with geothermal heating. As Brown says, that's all about to change. "Geothermal heating really is quite amazing," Brown said. "The earth is a thermal collector. The sun shines on it continuously, and the earth absorbs the heat. The earth is a solar collector. In a manner of speaking, our planet is like a battery. Every person's front yard acts as a thermal collector, and stores the energy it gets from the sun. A lot of people don't realize this, but the temperature beneath the ground remains fairly consistent all year round, at about seven degrees Celsius. Even in the middle of the winter, when it's negative 40 outside, a metre or two beneath the ground, it's pretty warm. The sun shines on the ground all summer, and the snow acts as a blanket, keeping the warmth in. The ground is usually



colder in spring or fall than it is in winter. So regardless of the time of year, the temperature beneath the soil remains consistent."

For Haliburton Geothermal, the trick is to take the warmth that's stored in the soil and turn it into energy that can heat or cool your house. "Your yard is an energy sink, and its free energy. The sun continuously replenishes and refills it. It's not like an oil tank that gets empty and you have to refill. So there's all this energy in the ground, but how do you get it out?" Brown said. Surprisingly, the process is rather simple.

Haliburton Geothermal installs a series of pipes beneath the ground that run either horizontally or vertically. These pipes are filled with water, and they are connected to the house. The water in the pipes is heated by the warmth of the soil. It then flows through the pipes into the house. Within the house there is a unit about the size of a refrigerator that extracts heat from the water. The heat is then pushed throughout the house through ductwork, just like heat from a furnace would be. Alternatively, radiant

heating can be used instead of forced air. In this manner, the heat from the ground is used to heat water, which in turn heats the house. During the summer, when

the temperatures outside swelter, the entire process can be reversed. The geothermal unit can extract heat from the house, and keep it cool and comfortable. "Your house is kept warm in the winter, and cool in the summer," Brown said. "And it's all powered by the energy that's contained in the ground."

"A high efficiency oil furnace is 85 to 87 percent efficient. A high efficiency propane furnace is about 93 percent efficient. If you pay one dollar for your propane, 93 cents of it is heating your home. Well with geothermal, it's far more efficient. Geothermal heating is actually 400 percent efficient," Brown said. "What's it's installed, it costs far less to heat your house, because you're not paying for the energy source. On average, a person's heating bill decreases by 80 percent when they use geothermal. It costs only about \$500 to \$800 to heat a 1,400 square foot house for a

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year with geothermal." Although geothermal heating is inexpensive to operate, the installation is costly. An average geothermal installation costs about \$25,000. However, anybody that installs a geothermal unit receives a \$7,000 rebate from the government. "The installation is expensive, but it's worth it," Brown said.

"There is a 22 percent plus return on investment. Within five or six years, you save so much on annual heating costs that you already pay off the installation. Plus, banks will give you special loans to install a geothermal system. TD bank offers a prime plus one loan for it." So installation may be expensive, but Brown believes that geothermal systems pay for themselves.

Although Haliburton Geothermal needs to install several hundred meters of piping beneath the ground, it is an easy procedure. "On average, we can dig up the ground, install the pipes, refill the yard, and reseed it in less than a week. Once the lawn grows back, you can't see a thing. It's just looks like a normal yard, but it's actually heating your house," Brown said. If you don't have a yard, that's not a problem. "These piping can be installed in most open areas. We even install them in ponds and lakes. We lay the piping along the lake bottom, and the heat is extracted from the water. The Ministry of Natural Resources and the Ministry of Fisheries and Oceans allow us to do this. They realize that no damage is being done to the environment. They realize that geothermal energy is actually very good for the environment, because it doesn't burn fossil fuels and create air pollution."

So far, business is going well for Greg Brown and Haliburton Geothermal. This summer they're installing a geothermal system at a different house almost every week. At the new Stothart Creek subdivision in Haliburton village, each house is being equipped with a geothermal unit by Haliburton Geothermal. "Things are

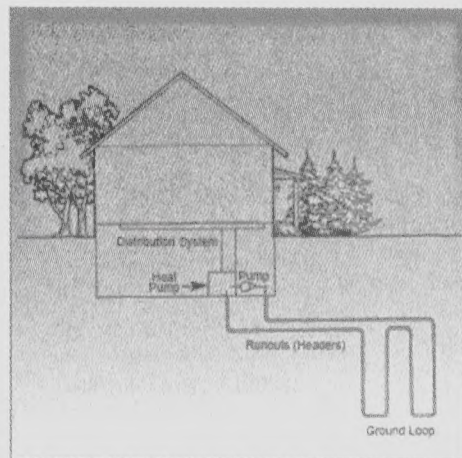
going well," Brown said. "I think they'll be even better in the future."

Brown may be busy installing geothermal systems this summer, but when he's not working he relaxes at his home outside Haliburton with his wife Kim and his dog Brie. His son Andrew recently graduated from university and bought his own house. He is now working with his father full time. His son Benton is currently attending Guelph University, and is helping out the family business for the summer. Greg and Kim also have two daughters, Jillian and Meredith, and a teenage boy named Jordan.

Brown believes that there is a very bright future for geothermal energy. "With the cost of oil and fuel rising, people are looking for new ways to heat and cool their houses. Also, a lot of people are tired of dealing with firewood. It's hard work. Geothermal energy is completely renewable, and a great alternative. People are starting to catch on to it. There's a subdivision in Guelph installing

140 geothermal systems being built, and a subdivision in Ottawa building 300 systems," Brown said. "I have no doubt that in ten years people will realize that geothermal energy is the most viable heating system there is."

If you would like to learn more about geothermal energy, you can reach Haliburton Geothermal at 457-2324, or visit www.haliburtongeothermal.com.



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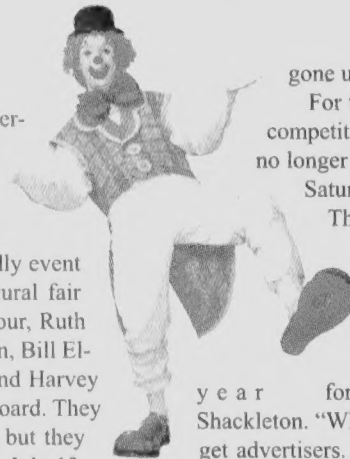
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25 Years of Good Times at the Wilberforce Fair

By Tyson Farrell

The biggest little fair around is celebrating its Silver Anniversary this August. That's right; the Wilberforce Agricultural Fair has been bringing good times to the Highlands for 25 years.

The fair began way back in 1984 when a group of predominately retired citizens wanted to create a family friendly event in Wilberforce. Before long they decided that an agricultural fair would be the perfect event. Maurice Bradley, Sandy Barbour, Ruth Strong, Keith Tallman, Clarence Bradley, Gerald Shackleton, Bill Elliot, Pat Jordens, Orval Cooney, Ev Saxby, Larry Strong and Harvey Somerville took the horse by the reigns, and formed a fair board. They had to do a lot of negotiating with Provincial fair boards, but they finally managed to organize a fair. The very first fair ran on July 13, 14 and 15. Admission was \$3 for adults, and 25 years later it has only



gone up to \$5.

For the first few years the fair ran a Sunday show. Sunday competitions included swine, pony, sheep, and horse, all of which no longer exist. The fair is now restricted to Friday evening and Saturday.

The third fair in 1986 included a dance on Saturday night and a Fair Queen Beauty Contest for ladies aged 13 to 19. Both were dropped by the fourth fair and the tradition of a dinner Saturday night was started that remains today.

"I helped found the fair, and I've gone to it every year for the last 25 years," said former board member Gerald Shackleton. "When we started it up we had to go around the county to get advertisers. We went to Tory Hill, Gooderham, Bancroft, and all around. People took out ads, and put them in our fair programme book, and that helped fund the fair."

Shackleton believes the fair has changed a great deal over the years. "Now we have a pretty good fair that's well attended. It's cheap for adults, and free for kids. The fair has a lot more shows and actives than it did years ago. I think that we have the best goat competition in the province."

Although Shackleton spent many years organizing the fair, he's also taken the time to participate. "I grow fruits and vegetables in my garden and sell them at the fair every year."

Shackleton doesn't spend much time organizing the fair anymore. He's handed the reigns over to a younger generation, who have eagerly embraced the challenge. Joanne Vanier of Wilberforce is now a driving force behind the fair. "I became an associate director of the fair in 1993, after living in Wilberforce for less than 2 years. I was then treasurer from 1995 to 1999. I am now a director and for the past three years have put the fair book together, setting it up for the printer."

"The fair has always been an event for families. There's no beer tent, and there's no cost for kids. All of the rides and actives are free for them. So it's not a fair in which parents will have to constantly dig in their pockets," Vanier said. "There are more activities added each year. This year there's a teddy bear parade, and a parent calling competition, a Country and Western invitation, plus tons of our traditional events. 2000 was the year we started holding a balloon lift and that first year our farthest balloon went to Kingsport, Tennessee. We've never had a balloon travel as far since then."

Vanier recognizes that a lot has changed at the fair over the years. "As the community changes, so does the fair. There used to be rabbit and poultry competitions that we don't have anymore. Horse draws have always been a big draw for us. People used to be a lot more interested in the domestic sciences, which is canning, pickling, baking, and the like. A lot more people used to do that themselves. So we don't have as many of those activities anymore, but we've got a lot of new exciting ones."

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Tons to Do and Lots New at the Wilberforce Fair

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"One thing that jumps out at me as I look through our collection of fair books and schedules from previous years is the community support. A great many of the advertisers who support the fair now were there 25 years ago placing ads in our book so that we had the funds to run the fair," Vanier said. "Our volunteers are also extremely important. We have well over 40 volunteers, including members of the Lions Club and Eastern Star who help run the gates and the Volunteer Fire Department who now run our food booth."

Vanier believes that the fair is a lot of fun for children, but also very educational. "Even though we live in the country, a lot of children have never seen a goat, pig, or donkey. At the petting zoo they'll be able to see all of these, and learn about them."

According to Vanier, the Wilberforce fair is a very special event. "When people come to the fair from outside the county they're always amazed. They can't believe how inexpensive, yet high quality it is. They're amazed by how much we do for the children. At the same time, people from within the county realize that it's a special fair, and tradition, that the whole family can enjoy together."

When it comes to country fairs, 25 years is not a very long time. Despite this, Vanier is extremely proud. "Sure, other fairs have been around a lot longer. Kinmount has been having a fair for well over 100 years. But we're all very proud of the Wilberforce Fair. It's a very safe place for parents to take their children. It's just a lot of fun."

There's More Fun than you Can Handle at the 25th Wilberforce Fair

The Events at this Year's Fair

The Wilberforce Agricultural Fair is bigger and better than ever this year. It's the fair's 25th anniversary, and it's all happening on August 8 and 9 at the Wilberforce fairgrounds. There's a plethora of events that will keep the whole family occupied and laughing for hours on end. Best of all, all of the events and rides are completely free of charge for all children!

As always the fair will feature an antique farm machinery display. At this event you can see how the chores got done back when the horse was the one doing the work. Alongside the machinery display there will be the Name the Tool event. It's an amazing assortment of unusual tools that will dazzle and challenge your knowledge. Test yourself, and see how many tools you can identify correctly!

People at the fair will also have the opportunity to make their very own rope! Where did rope come from? What was it made from? Who invented it? How long have people been using rope? All of these questions and more will be answered at the thrilling rope making event.

Do you like rabbits? If you do, the Fair's rabbit display and petting circle is for you. It's an amazing opportunity to meet the furry critters and learn all about them. For other lovers of furry animals, there will be a Teddy Bear parade, for kids 3 to 8 years of age.

If people like their critters wet instead of furry there is a fantastic minnow race.

It's an exciting event for participants and spectators alike. Watch minnows race down tubes towards their glorious destiny of victory!

There will be lots of kid's games at the fair, including bean bag tosses, three-legged races, and tug-o-wars. The events are tons of fun, and all participants receive a prize. There will also be a model train display, which lets children witness the wonders of the iron horse. For children that prefer machines of a smaller size, there will be a decorated bicycle competition.

If you're artistic the Wilberforce Fair has something for you. There's an amazing scarecrow building contest. Work alone, with friends, or family, and have fun building a scarecrow outside. All materials are provided, and the builders of best scarecrow will be rewarded. There will also be a children's craft corner, where children

can create something unique and wonderful. There will be face painting, colouring contests, and much more.

For the more energetic artists, there will be a blacksmithing display. Join local artists Tracy Lee Green and Daryl Sands of Nostalgic Art Studios on their portable demonstration trailer, which was created to look like an historical carnival wagon. Watch them hammer out some basic techniques, check out some finished pieces, and maybe try your hand at the anvil. You won't want to miss it.

You can't have a Highland fair without Highland Dancers. At the Wilberforce fair there will be a broad assortment of dancers, from tiny tots to premier adults. The Mansfield School of Highland Dance plans to entertain all! With a mixture of traditional and choreographed dancers, they always have a good time with the audience.

For a totally different type of music, families will be able to enjoy the groove sensations of Barry 'Bazza' Hayward. Bazza helps create communities, shed inhibitions, release passion, and celebrate life through rhythm. People will be encouraged to join in a community drumming circle and play along. No hand drumming experience is required, and instruments will be available. It's a very family friendly event that is sure to get you dancing!

For proud moms and dads there will be baby show competitions. Parents are encouraged to dress their wee ones in summer fashions, and enter them into the competition. Imagine the everlasting glory that could be yours if your child is victorious!

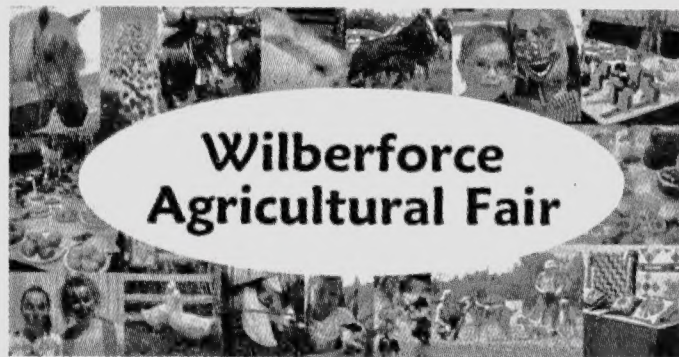
If you don't have a baby to show off, you can always display your beloved dog. Children under 16 are invited to enter their well mannered, non aggressive dogs into the dog show. All dogs must be on a leash, and proof of a current rabies immunization is required. There will be prizes for every class and ribbons for all contestants. Remember to bring water for your pooch!

The dogs don't get all the attention at the Wilberforce Fair. The fair hosts one of the best dairy goat shows this side of the Prairies. Alpine, Nubian, Lamancha, and Saanens goats will be shown. The show is sanctioned by the Canadian Goat Society, and there are cash prizes to be won.

On Friday night people will have an opportunity to chill out and party down at the Country and Western Invitational. Come and jive to the stellar house band the Caygeon County Cruisers. Bring your cowboy boots and dance if you want to!

After a long day at the Fair, enjoy a roast beef dinner on Saturday. Enjoy turkey, trimmings, and homemade pie. It's a thanksgiving dinner delight come early. Your attendance will help support the 2009 fair!

At the Wilberforce fair there more events that you can imagine. There are horse and pony pulls, auctions, domestic science exhibits, rides, food booths, concession stands galore, petting zoos, and much, much more. To get the exact location and time of event, see the Wilberforce Agricultural Fair Show Schedule, pictured opposite. See you at the fair!!



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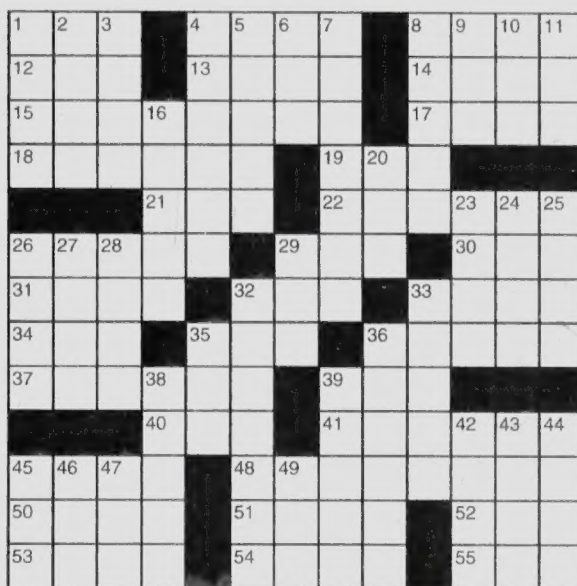
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Football FINALLY makes sense.....



A guy took his girlfriend to her first football game. They had great seats right behind their team's bench.

After the game, he asked her how she liked the experience.

"Oh, I really liked it," she replied, "especially the tight pants and all the big muscles, but I just couldn't understand why they were killing each other over 25 cents."

Dumbfounded, her date asked, "What do you mean?"

"Well, they flipped a coin, one team got it and then for the rest of the game, all they kept screaming was: 'Get the quarterback! Get the quarterback!' I'm like...Helloooooo? It's only 25 cents!!!!"

Things People Said

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David Riesman, conservative American social scientist, 1967.

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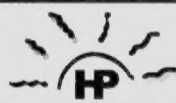
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Drop Everything and Relax With Carolyn

By Mark Arike

Carolyn Kinsman-Ludlow, a current permanent resident on Twelve Mile Lake in Minden, recently launched her own business called "Dear (Drop Everything and Relax) Carolyn" – a service designed to help make life easier for cottagers, residents, aging parents and new mothers in the Minden and Haliburton areas.

Carolyn Kinsman-Ludlow has owned three homes, three cottages a rental cottage and has designed her very own dream home. So, it would be safe to say that she'd know a thing or two about what's involved with the upkeep of a residence and what errands often need to be run. She also has a desire to help people as her motto states: "Leave people better than you found them."

Carolyn is also a part-time dental hygienist in Peterborough. Although she has spent time living in other cities while receiving her education, she is no stranger to the Minden area.

"I grew up on Boshkung Lake. As a teenager I was the head swim instructor for the swim program on Twelve Mile Lake. I taught 150 kids a day," she recalls. To



this day, Carolyn is an avid swimmer, swimming every morning that she can in Twelve Mile Lake-the backdrop to her waterfront property.

While growing up, her parents owned Kinsman's Cottages on Boshkung Lake.

"I grew up with people in my backyard. It was a small housekeeping cottage resort," says Carolyn of the business her parents owned for 25 years. In addition to the operation of the resort, her mom was a teacher and principal in the area and her dad worked locally as a contractor and realtor. "We were brought up to work hard but we also enjoyed doing things as a family."

Once it was time for Carolyn to move away and get her education, she first attended Mohawk College for nursing at the age of 17. Following that, she decided that dental hygiene would be a better choice for her so she went off to study the program at Durham College in Oshawa.

Right after college, Carolyn moved to Kingston to take on a job in her field. "I moved there with my sister who was just finishing teacher's college. We had a great time there but we'd also come home every weekend to the resort."

Carolyn remained in Kingston for two years and then moved to Peterborough, which is also the place she raised her daughter Heather. During that time, she had a family cottage with her husband Greg on Gull Lake.

Since being married to her husband, she has always had a place to come to in the Minden area.

"We've always owned a cottage so I've never really left!" she says laughing.

It was four years ago that the pair bought the property where they eventually designed their own Confederation Log Home, which is the place they now call home.

So why did Carolyn decide to launch her own concierge service and how does she consider herself qualified for the call of duty?

"I felt that because I had staged a home in Peterborough to sell, I've had three homes, three cottages, a rental cottage and I grew up on a resort, I initially thought that I'd be most qualified to help out the cottagers." But she soon realized that her services could also benefit those who permanently reside in the Highlands. The acronym that was just right for Carolyn ended up being DEAR (which is also her phone # of 489-DEAR).

The word "dear" is one that is of great importance to Carolyn. It's what her father called her and her sister and it's a "term of endearment that means so much to her."

Carolyn quickly got the ball rolling on the business and held an open house for the new venture this past Father's Day. In a letter she wrote to other local businesses Carolyn states: "DEAR Carolyn is being designed for those who might feel intimidated by the contractor world, people with little free time, residents new to the area, in fact anyone who may appreciate help finding just the right business to do the job right."

If Carolyn is unable to provide a service herself, she will point her client in the right direction with a referral. Some of these services could include but aren't limited to: contractors, caterers, housekeepers, decorators, gardeners, spas and in-home services.

There are, however, several instances where she could fulfill a client's requests personally.

"I could pick up your laundry or linens and drop them off at the laundry mat, pick up your grocery order, perhaps stop by the local bakeshop, grab the laundry on the way back up to the cottage, make the beds and have everything there for you."

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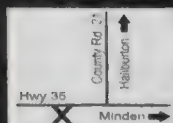
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Carolyn is Here to Help You Free Up Your Time

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she says while adding, "and I would know enough to wipe out the fridge before I put all the fresh food away." If you want her to, she could even have a delicious home-cooked meal awaiting your arrival.

As well, Carolyn doesn't believe in dictating what services she will offer, but she says she'd rather see the client pick and choose what it is they need done for them. She wants them to know that someone is "taking care of them, similar to the way that mom would."

With people's busy schedules, she says her services will really come in handy. She would make it possible for people to enjoy the important things like family time or entertaining, while she takes care of the details and preparations. Everybody's needs are different. That's exactly where her flexibility, skills and contacts will come into play.

When a client first approaches her, Carolyn will set up an appointment to discuss the needs of the individual. This initial meeting comes at a cost of \$50 which will be applied to the first service she provides. So far, things are going well for her. Recently, she has been working on one major project that she didn't expect would come to her this soon.

"I'm helping with model homes and once the homes are sold I've been hired to do the upgrades on the homes as well. I am really looking forward to connecting new home owners with many of our great local services. I'm very blessed to be on-board with these entrepreneurs in Minden," she says of the project she is working on for Highland Park Homes.

She has been working closely with some other local businesses including Cottage Country Interiors, Wind in the Willows Day Spa and Moon Shadows Winery. She has been impressed with the above listed professional services and would gladly refer them to residents and cottagers using DEAR Carolyn.

Carolyn's business is a member of the Haliburton Chamber of Commerce as well as the Professional Organizers of Canada. If you'd like to get a hold of her to see if her services are right for you, give her a call at 705 489-DEAR (3327) or email her dearcarolyn@xplomet.com.

Dumb Criminals

Tracking The Thief....

The case of the missing Pepsi machine was all to easy to solve for the Saint Francis, Arkansas, Sheriff's Office. A deputy saw a Pepsi machine in the early morning hours of May 29 in the front yard of a home.

In front of the machine was a set of tracks, created by a dolly, that led right back to the liquor store that reported it missing.

Two men in the front yard fled when authorities arrived, but one was later caught. The unidentified man was arrested on suspicion of theft, fleeing on foot, and obstructing government operations.

Wrong House ?? Right House?? Depends on who you were....

Two burglars in Melbourne, Australia, broke into a house. Nothing dumb about that, you might say, but read on.

The house was full of police officers staging a drug bust.

The pair pried open a window to get into the house in a midnight raid, reports the Herald Sun, a newspaper there.

But they were beaten to it by police officers who had just burst through the door to search for drugs.

Police allege that the property was being used to grow hydroponic marijuana, and the detectives were on a raid to arrest the resident, an unidentified man in his 20s.

The startled burglars fled, but were caught a couple of days later, said Detective Senior-Sergeant Paul Cassidy, of Melton detectives.

"It is unusual," he said, but declined to comment on whether the burglars had been after money or drugs.

The three arrestees, all unidentified men in their 20s, have been remanded to appear in court.

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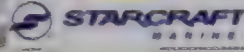
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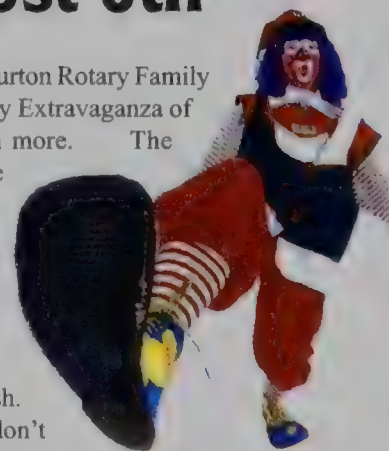
Next Wednesday, August 6th, the ever-popular Haliburton Rotary Family Carnival returns to Head Lake Park for a One-Day-Only Extravaganza of Midway Rides, the Carnival Parade, and much much more. The Midway is open from 2 pm until late evening, and the parade starts at 7 pm on Highland Street.

There are Fireworks at Dusk, a Crown and Anchor Wheel, the traditional Beef on a Bun, and a new event, the Rotary Voyageur Cup Challenge at 4 pm.

And don't forget the annual Car Draw, tickets still available, for a 2008 Pontiac Solstice convertible, or \$25,000 cash. The draw is held at the event - so don't delay in getting your tickets.

This is one of Haliburton County's favourite events of the year, so be sure not to miss it. Admission to the Park is Free.

For further information please contact Carnival Chair, Jim Henwood, at 457-2921. ■



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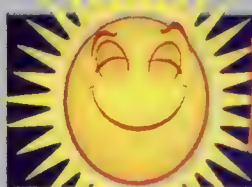


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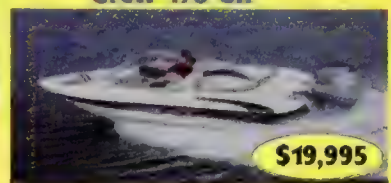
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Visual Arts Ontario Chooses Haliburton Highlands For A Provincial Forum

On August 6, 2008, Visual Arts Ontario will be hosting a forum called "Visual Arts Happening" at the Minden Lions Hall.

"We are holding these happenings at locations throughout the province to hear from visual artists and arts supporters about the opportunities and challenges that affect them as artists and their arts communities," stated Kim McBrien, executive director of Visual Arts Ontario. "We chose the Haliburton Highlands for one of our sites because of the incredible congregation of artists in the area and the great support we have received from local arts organizations. The Arts Council-Haliburton Highlands immediately responded to our call and brought on board the Minden Hills Cultural Centre and the Rails End Gallery."

There will be an open house and reception at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre from noon to 1:00pm and a forum from 1:00 – 4:00 pm at the Minden Lions Hall. A reception will be held by the VAO at the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton from 6:00 to 7:30 so that people who were unable to come in the afternoon will have an opportunity to give their input as well.

Through its new Visual Arts Happening series, VAO will be traveling across Ontario and holding forums to meet with artists and arts groups and hear their voices. Through these forums the thoughts and ideas of artists and arts supporters across the province will help us to revitalize VAO's services and create new programs to better serve visual artists across Ontario.

Visual Arts Ontario (VAO) is a provincial, not-for-profit organization that helps visual artists to develop their business skills and to strive in a

career as an artist. For over 30 years VAO has been working with artists to face the ever changing opportunities and challenges relevant to their careers. Visual Arts Ontario serves artists working in any visual arts media (painting, sculpture, fabric arts, installation, photography, craft, film, video, new media and more).

Visual Arts Happenings are a great way for artists working in any area of the visual arts, arts organizations, galleries and community arts supporters to come together and discuss their goals and challenges; what further resources they need in their art scene, and find ways to make Ontario's visual arts communities stronger.

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Open House and Reception: Noon – 1:00 pm, Minden Hills Cultural Centre, 174-176 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden ON

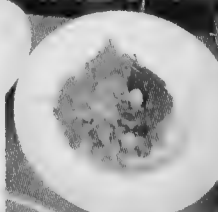
Forum: 1:00 – 4:00 pm, Minden Lions Hall, 166 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden ON

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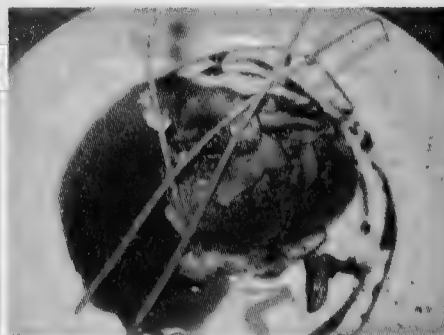
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Submitted by Sigi Zrinscak

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HILLARY CLINTON: When I was First Lady, I personally helped that little chicken to cross the road. This experience makes me uniquely qualified to ensure -- right from Day One! -- that every chicken in this country gets the chance it deserves to cross the road. But then, this really isn't about me.

GEORGE W. BUSH: We don't really care why the chicken crossed the road. We just want to know if the chicken is on our side of the road, or not. The chicken is either against us, or for us. There is no middle ground here.

BILL CLINTON: I did not cross the road with that chicken. What is your definition of crossing?

That's Life...

by the Bashful Comic



AL GORE: I invented the chicken.

DR. PHIL: The problem we have here is that this chicken won't

realize that he must first deal with the problem on this side of the road before it goes after the problem on the other side of the road. What we need to do is help him realize how stupid he's acting by not taking on his current problems before adding new problems.

OPRAH: Well, I understand that the chicken is having problems, which is why he wants to cross this road so bad. So instead of having the chicken learn from his mistakes and take falls, which is a part of life, I'm going to give this chicken a car so that he can just drive across the road and not live his life like the rest of the chickens.

ANDERSON COOPER, CNN: We have reason to believe there is a chicken, but we have not yet been allowed to have access to the other side of the road.

MARTHA STEWART: No one called me to warn me which way that chicken was going. I had a standing order at

the Farmer's Market to sell my eggs when the price dropped to a certain level. No little bird gave me any insider information.

DR SEUSS: Did the chicken cross the road? Did he cross it with a toad? Yes, the chicken crossed the road, but why it crossed I've not been told.

ERNEST HEMINGWAY: To die in the rain, alone.

GRANDPA: In my day we didn't ask why the chicken crossed the road. Somebody told us the chicken crossed the road, and that was good enough.

BARBARA WALTERS: Isn't that interesting? In a few moments, we will be listening to the chicken tell, for the first time, the heart warming story of how it experienced a serious case of molting, and went on to accomplish its lifelong

dream of crossing the road.

ARISTOTLE: It is the nature of chickens to cross the road.

JOHN LENNON: Imagine all the chickens in the world crossing roads together, in peace.

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

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By Ashley McAllister

Movies for July 29:

Drama/Action/Horror

Lost Boys-The Tribute
Never Back Down
Street Kings
Wargames 2-The Death Code

Family/Adventure/Comedy

Alice Upside Down
Finishing the Game
Harold & Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay

Documentary

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Movies for August 5:

Drama/Action/Horror

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For the teen majority in Haliburton this summer, the season usually means beaches, part time jobs, swimming, and the occasional moment of boredom during those long rainy days where once Paint by Numbers and card games were enough to occupy you. So as a member of that age group, this week I watched a movie aimed at the more kid-like age group. I thought, what would I watch if I was trapped indoors on a rainy day? And *Picture This* seemed like the perfect choice. Ashley Tisdale from High School Musical stars and produces this comedic story of a teenage girls dream come true. When the hottest boy in school takes notice of clumsy Mandie, the entire neighborhood is thrown into chaos by the resulting struggle between good and evil, or nerds vs. the popular girls, as Mandie and her friends outsmart a conniving ex girlfriend, a controlling father, and some hilarious obstacles you wouldn't even dream of to get to the party of the century! *Picture This* is a great movie for a family, or for a group of teenagers. It's one of those perfect generic movies you think you'll never find, that one that everyone would watch!

Quote of the Movie:

Tom Gilbert: Mandie, are you awake? Make some sort sound so I know you're alive.

Mandie Gilbert: grunts

Tom Gilbert: Great. Breakfast is ready.



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Highlands Opera Studio Instructors Will Sing at

Fund-Raiser



Richard Margison



John Fanning

The Highlands Opera Studio has added one more performance to this year's schedule. A special fund-raising concert has been scheduled for Saturday, August 16, featuring the instructors from the Opera Studio.

The concert will present Highlands Opera Studio Artistic Director and Tenor Richard Margison with Baritone John Fanning, Baritone Mark Pedrotti, Soprano Nancy Gustafson. These luminaries from the Canadian Opera scene will be accompanied by Melissa Stephens, Brahm Goldhamer and Steven Philcox.

"The instructors bring a wealth of experience to the Highlands Opera Studio as they develop the skills of the participants," Margison noted. "But we haven't scheduled an opportunity to hear from them. When I proposed this fund-raising concert to the instructors, they all immediately agreed."

The Highlands Opera Studio provides an opportunity for emerging opera singers to hone their talents under the guidance of outstanding professionals from the Canadian Opera community. The four week of intensive training is provided without charge to the participants. The nine participants will present an Opera Excerpts Concert on Friday August 15 and two one-act comedic operas on August 25, 27

and 29.

The faculty concert will be held at the Minden United Church, Saturday evening, August 16. The event is a fund-raiser to help support the continuation of the Opera Studio. Tickets are limited and will be sold on a first come-first served basis. The ticket price is just \$50.

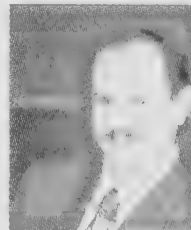
"We hope that opera fans will want to support the great work of the Highlands Opera Studio and, at the same time enjoy an entertaining evening of music," Margison said. "The Highlands Opera Studio is growing and we need to ensure its future is secure."

The Highlands Opera Studio is presented in conjunction with the Highlands Summer Festival, a charitable theatre company based in the Haliburton Highlands.

Tickets for the event can be reserved by calling the box office at 705-457-9933 or email, tickets@highlandssummerfestival.on.ca



Nancy Gustafson



Mark Pedrotti

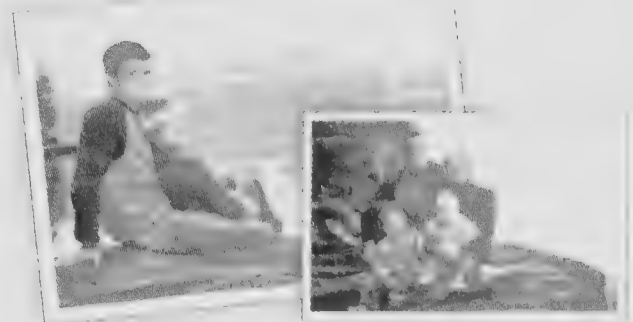
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But that's not it. There will also be live entertainment on site. This venue is being supported by the Haliburton County Farmer's Association.

For more information contact Sheila Robb at 705 489-4201.

Ontario Early Years Events

Minden and Haliburton OEYCs will reopen on August 5. Our August hours for both centres will be Tues, Wed and Thurs. from 9:30 to 1:00. For more information phone Minden at 286-1770 or Haliburton 457-2989.

The Laidlaw First Ride Program will be offered again this summer on **Wed. August 20th at 10:30 a.m.** We'll learn about school bus safety and go for a ride through Minden. The HKPR Health Unit is providing helpful tips and ideas for packing a balanced day lunch kit. School Readiness handout will also be available. For more information phone 286-1770.

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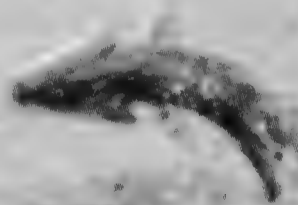
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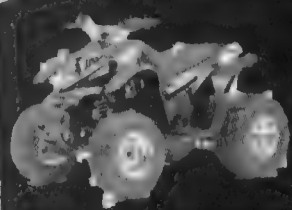
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by Tyson Farrell

If equipment around the house breaks down, there's a new place to go for help in the Highlands. 1st Choice Appliance Repairs in Haliburton Village is now servicing all major brand appliances, as well as lawn and garden machinery. The business is owned and operated by Martin and Angela Russell, who also own the Haliburton Sears outlet.

Martin and Angela have been running the local Sears store for six years, but they lived in many different places before they settled in Haliburton. "I've lived in 14 communities across Ontario. I was born north of here though, in Iroquois Falls. I stayed there until I finished high school, then I went to Canadore College in North Bay for engineering. Since then I've had extensive experience in customer service. I even owned and operated my own grocery store in Whitney. Over the years I've learned how to deliver quality services," says Martin.

"My wife Angela and I realized that Haliburton is constantly growing. With that growth there is an increased demand for services. A lot of people need to have their appliances serviced. Everybody has a fridge, stove, and microwave, after all." Realizing the demand for appliance repair, the Russells decided that the time was ripe for a new appliance repair company.

Martin made an agreement with Sears Canada, and he became responsible for a very large area. In mid May he opened up 1st Choice Appliance Repairs, which operates out of the Sears Haliburton location. "I make repairs from Bancroft over to Bala, and from Wasago up to Sunridge," Martin said. "I have arrangements with other retailers, like Leons. There's such a need for these services that when I approached Leon's in Bracebridge they were like 'oh my god! We need you!'" Although Martin is associated with Sears, 1st Choice Appliance Repairs is an independent corporation. They therefore service anybody's appliances, regardless of where they may have been purchased. "It doesn't matter when or where you bought your appliance, we'll fix it for you."

At the moment, Martin has three appliance technicians working for him. "I have a very experienced group of technicians. There's Garry Johnson, who comes from Toronto. He was on the show Real Renos, so we call him 'the celebrity.' He has more than 30 years experience. I have my son Grant Russell working for me. I asked him to come home from Winnipeg and work in Haliburton. He specializes in electronics, and he's currently completing his appliance education. John Johnson is a technician from Huntsville, and he's part of the team now. There's also Eric Cormier, a local boy, who has more than 20 years of experi-



ence working on small engine repair. The staff has been great. They realize that it's a team effort."

One of the best elements of 1st Choice Appliance Repairs is that it's completely mobile. "All of our technicians come to you when you need it. You don't need to come to us. We've driven down all the back roads, from Bancroft to Bala. It doesn't matter how far back you are. We've even done our share of island jobs. If you live on an island, we'll take a boat there, with all our tools, and get the job done." On top of being mobile, 1st Choice also does emergency calls. "We've quickly come to realize that you sometimes need to work weekends

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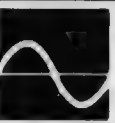
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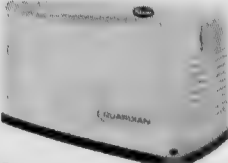
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in this job. Last Saturday afternoon a gentleman from Trapper's Trail called us because his fridge was broken. I sent a technician out right away, and before long it was fixed."

Although Martin already has a staff of technicians, he wants more. "I'm constantly recruiting more technicians. It's a big territory, so I need people to man it. This week I'm interviewing two more guys. They'll be able to repair everything from garage door openers to exercise equipment," Martin said. "I'm very careful with who I hire. It's based on education, experience, and attitude. I'm determined to offer the best quality, best price, and best service: If we haven't provided that, we haven't given 100%. I treat customers the way I would want to be treated."

So far, the repair business has been going swimmingly, with only a few small bumps. "One of the biggest problems we've had is finding people's houses. It's a big county, and with the recent 911



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changes, and different road names, it can be a bit difficult. Finding cottages on those back roads can be hard, and the technicians have gotten lost a few times," Martin laughs. "Sometimes people will ask us to repair something on their island cottage. They'll just tell us to get a boat, and boat out to the island. Well some of these lakes are big, and we have no idea where the island even is!"

When Angela and Martin aren't busy working, they enjoy touring on their motorcycles, and spending time with their Ihasapoo 'Star', who acts as the unofficial mascot of Sears Haliburton. "There are always little kids coming in the store to see Star," Martin said.

It's doubtful that Angela and Martin will have much time to enjoy their hogs and dog this summer, as Sears and 1st Choice Appliance Repairs will keep them very occupied. Martin doesn't seem to mind though. "The summer is going to be exciting," he said. "We keep getting more clients. As we tell our customers, why settle for second when you can have 1st Choice?" 1st Choice Appliance repairs can be reached at 457-8030.

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For all the details, contact Roxanne Casey at 705 457-2941 or email her at roxanne@communitycarehaliburton.com.

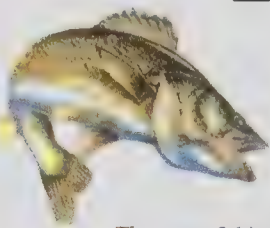
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It is not clear how number 50 (now number 25), Berkeley Square gained its gruesome reputation. From the 1840s onwards, there were reports of strange noises coming from the house and neighbours said they could hear the sound of heavy boxes or furniture being dragged across the bare floorboards. It soon had a reputation for being haunted by a ghost "too horrible to describe," others said that it was "shapeless and slimy and emitted gruesome slopping noises" as it went up and down the stairs. For several decades now, the house has been occupied by a firm of antique booksellers, "Maggs Brothers," who insist that they have never had the slightest reason to believe the place to be haunted.



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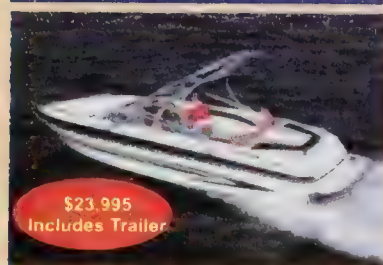


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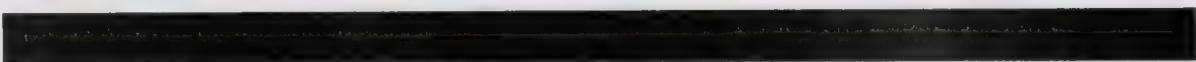
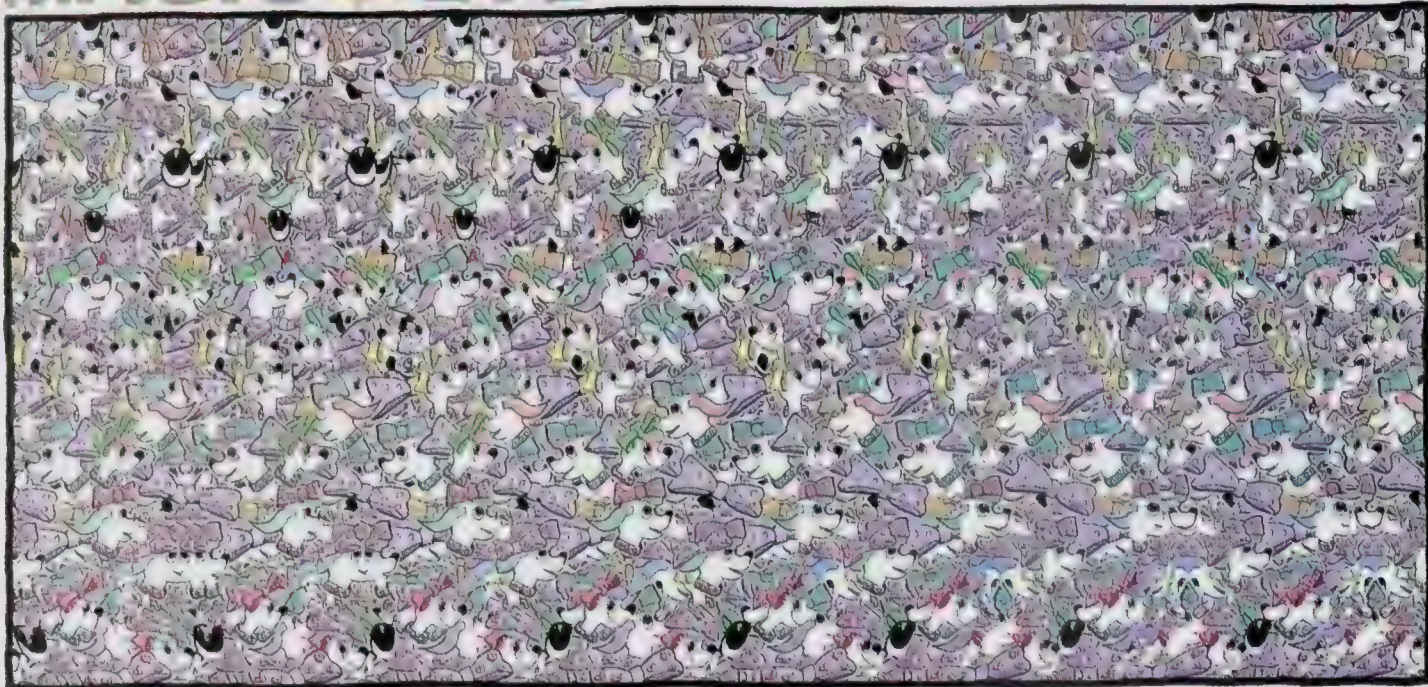
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New Member Of The Arts Community Gets Fishy With It

John Waldin is a new-to-the-county artist who's had one heck of an interesting life up to now. John grew up on a farm in Alberta, and at 20 he moved with his parents to Vancouver Island. While there he had many jobs, including working as a salmon fisherman on his own boat, operating a tug boat and owning and operating a rescue boat. "We rescued lots of boats and one float plane," John recalls with a chuckle. "We lassooed the tail of the plane and pulled it in just before it started to sink."

"The work that we did is called waterwork, which basically covers anything to do with boats." What he loved most though was salmon fishing. "I just enjoy fishing," he explains, "and when you get paid for what you love doing, it's just the best." The west coast salmon fishing industry basically died during the late 1980's, and that's when John sold his fishing boat and started to concentrate on his art.

Always good with his hands, he had attended many artist's workshops, as well as art classes at the University of Victoria. That training would lead to the life of a seafaring artist, a life that would occupy the best part of the following 18 years. It wasn't long after selling the boat that John was teaching colour theory, and later, watercolour techniques to



private school students. In 1990 he met Kathy Thomson, who was working as a picture framer, and the two of them embarked on a gypsy lifestyle which would see the couple work as artists-in-residence on two-week art cruises to Alaska. On those trips they took along a small etching press, "which enabled us to give print-making classes, as well as sell some of our etchings," says John.

Kathy and John worked and lived on boats along the west coast from 1997 until this year, selling their art wherever they went, and supplementing their income by other work, such as spinning. John was the manager and head spinner of the Gulf Island Spinning Mill, where he spun and sold the yarn made from such diverse animals as alpaca, llama, sheep and musk ox. "It was a co-operative mill," he explains, "and it was part of our eclectic, serendipitous lifestyle."

Just two months ago John and Kathy moved to the Highlands. "We felt like



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Soyers Lake Cottage Association Events:

8th Annual Soyers Lake Bass Derby

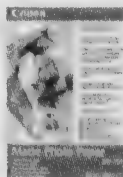
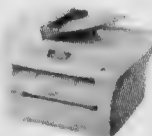
Pull out those fishing rods for the eighth annual Bass Fishing Derby for members of Soyers Lake and their families. The Derby began on the start of bass fishing season on 7 and will end at the Corn Roast on August 16 at 5:00 p.m. Fish must be caught in Soyers Lake.

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Kennisis Lake Cottage Owner's Association Events:

Swimming Lessons July 7th - August 15th

Regatta Saturday, August 2nd (rain date is Sunday, August 3rd)

KLCOA Annual General Meeting Saturday August 30th @ 9:30am (coffee at 9am) - Haliburton Forest

Gail's Fun Run 2008! Sunday August 31, 2008 at 9:30am behind "Kennisis Lake Store"

Kennisis Summer Church - Services Sunday's at the Wildlife Lecture Building @10:00 am (July 6th to August 24th)

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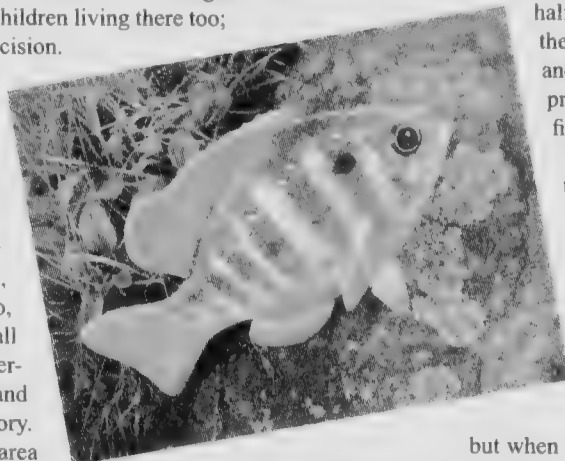
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we needed a change, and we decided to move east in order to be closer to Kathy's family, especially her mom." John's father and daughter are still living in B.C. and Kathy has 4 grown children living there too; so the move east was not a lightly-made decision.

"Kathy's mother is Wilma Thomson, who lives in Haliburton village, and she's become quite active in the community since moving here from the GTA about 6 years ago. She scouted the area for us, and found this place through a friend of hers," John says from his home studio on Eric Potter Road. "I love the town of Haliburton, and truly, it's one of the nicest I've been to, with a real sense of community. I've been all along the west coast and all around the numerous Gulf Islands since the 60's. Each island has its own ambience, character and history. I've already been to many towns in this area and they too have their own charms. What I've noticed is that most of the people seem to have a pride of ownership, and their houses and yards are very neat and clean, more so than on the coast. Another difference is that on the coast there aren't many roads. You usually go up and down on the same road. You really need a boat to see a lot of the wilderness. Here there's a great network of roads, and you can do a lot more exploring." Wilderness and wildlife have helped to form the basis of some of John's latest works.



John uses old pine fence posts for his work. He cuts logs anywhere from 1 to 2

feet long, (or longer if required) then splits the log in half. From each half he hand-crafts a fish, outlining the body from cardboard templates. The eyes, gills, and fins are made separately and applied later in the process. Then he uses Golden brand acrylics for the finishing coats of paint.

There's something both realistic and surreal about the finished products. "The fish aren't one hundred percent anatomically correct," John exclaims, "but I think there's a market for them." The work is somewhat naive in style and very decorative. "I'll do any kind of fish, any size, that anyone wants," says John. His plans for the time being are to sell the fish from his home. He can make about 3 a week..

John Waldin is an excellent watercolourist, but when word gets out about the fish, he's going to have to stop selling them in order to stockpile enough for shows like Art In The Park, at which he hopes exhibit next year. Prices vary from \$140 for an 18" yellow perch, to about \$300 for a pike. Get your order in now, because they're going to sell like hot cakes.

You can reach John Waldin at (705) 455-9155, or email jwaldin_ca@yahoo.com. Keep an eye out for the upcoming website.

Pictured: John Waldin in his workshop; One of John's watercolours; pike; pumpkin seed; yellow perch.

The Art Of John Waldin

Unlike many artists, John has never had much trouble selling his work. "I've done a lot of different types of art forms, and sold a lot of works," he says. "At one time I had works in over 30 top-flight galleries in major centres across Canada, and I've been fortunate enough to have sold my art directly to galleries, never on consignment." Selling anything is stressful work, and now that they've moved to the Highlands John and Kathy are re-energizing themselves and John is focusing on different kind of art form.

What John is making now are wonderful sculptures of fish. It's a natural for him. He loves to fish, has a background in fishing, and he's an artist, so, voila! artistically sculpted fish. These are not ordinary fish however, they're meticulously crafted and painted, and the outcome is quite remarkable. As soon as you see one, you want one right away. The fish might be placed under the heading of folk art, and they would have looked great in the very popular folk art exhibit which was on display recently at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden.

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Crime Flashback

by Max Haines

Family Plot

Missing son was a bully who preyed on his own parents to satisfy his needs

On May 19, 1983, Franz Reich and his dear wife Christine walked into a police station in St. Poelten, Austria, to report that their 20-year-old son Rudolf was missing.

St. Poelten is a city of about 50,000, located not far from Vienna. The centre of a farming district, the community does not have a high crime rate. The hard-working farmers leave that for the big city folks in Vienna.

The missing persons report was acted upon immediately. The parents of the missing boy were understandably distraught.

Christine fought back tears as she gave her son's description and a photograph to the police.

A detective questioned Franz and Christine at length, assuring them that everything possible would be done to locate Rudolf.

He also advised them that most missing adults turn up of their own volition within 48 hours. Some merely desire solitude for a few days. Others slip away with a lover for a taste of romance. The detective's considerate manner seemed to comfort the distraught couple.

That same day, a detective visited the Reichs' farm and questioned their hired hand, Alfred Koenig. He also called on neighbouring farms and visited young people who were known to be acquaintances of Rudolf's. No one had any idea what had happened to him, but several spilled their guts about the missing man, who evidently was quite a character.

Rudolf's passion was automobiles. He liked them, drove them and totalled them. In the recent past, he had wrecked five vehicles because of his penchant for attempting to break the sound barrier on the treacherous back roads of Austria.

At the time of his disappearance, he was uninsurable and had had his licence revoked.

Another rather interesting point regarding Rudolf was the conspicuous absence of girlfriends in his life. Everyone who knew him mentioned that he never dated and hardly ever talked to a member of the opposite sex. His friends pointed out that in no way were they insinuating that he was homosexual.

There was more. Rudolf had a bad reputation as an argumentative drunk who frequented local bars and always picked on men who were smaller than him. The missing man also avoided working on his parents' tiny farm. He would much rather dash off and wreck a car whenever the mood struck him.

The St. Poelten police contacted Vienna police. Anyone who couldn't be found in St. Poelten invariably made their way to Vienna. But not this time. The Viennese police couldn't locate Rudolf. Bus depots and train stations were canvassed. No one remembered seeing the missing man leave town. A detective was dispatched to an area where hitch-hikers were known to linger beside a garage in the hope of thumbing down a lift. By coincidence the garage operator had gone to school with Rudolf and would have recognized him had he been hitch-hiking beside his garage.

St. Poelten police regrouped. They went back to square one. Rudolf's friends had no idea where he was. Neighbours were clueless. Yet, he apparently hadn't left town. Two weeks after Rudolf's parents reported him missing, police were no closer to solving the case than the moment they had received the report.

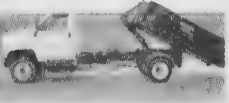
They decided to delve into Rudolf's history in search of a lead. One thing puzzled police. Since Rudolf had no visible income and his parents eked out a meagre living from the proceeds of their tiny farm, where had the money come from to pay for all those wrecked cars?

A possible answer -- drugs. It was the one way money could be raised quickly.

The homicide boys checked in with their counterparts in narcotics. They learned that while there was a drug trade in their city, it was relatively under control. Most dealers were drug addicts themselves and sold the stuff to feed their own habits.

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There was no record indicating that Rudoff was connected with drugs in any way.

Police decided to search the Reich farm, for by now investigators felt certain that Rudoff had been murdered. Since the farm was the last place he had been seen, it appeared to be the logical place to begin. A search party was formed. The Reich farm was small, but rugged, and took some time to search thoroughly.

While the hunt for a body was on, a young detective had a bright idea. The Reichs' farm was unusually small. Perhaps they had recently sold off some acreage. The detective checked sales records against the dates when Rudoff had purchased second-hand cars. Sure enough, every sale of land was quickly followed by the purchase of a vehicle.

Just when the police were giving up the search, they found Rudoff's body in the far back corner of the Reich farm. He had been buried in a coffin-like box. When his parents were notified of the discovery, they immediately confessed to their part in the plot to eliminate their own son. They had ordered hired hand Alfred Koenig to perform the killing.

Franz, Christine and Alfred were questioned separately. They all told the same story.

The tearful Christine's recital was by far the most dramatic. She related that her son was not only a coward, but a sadist who took great pleasure in inflicting pain on those vulnerable individuals smaller or weaker than himself.

Everyone he met fled from his sadistic tendencies, until he homed in on the one person who could not fight or flee. That person was his own mother. His father Franz was too weak to resist his aggressive son and gave in to Rudoff's every desire.

Rudoff beat his mother with a cattle whip. He often punched and kicked her and made her crawl on all fours like a dog.

When he wanted to purchase a new car, he forced his father to sell off a portion of his farm. Little by little, the farm was reduced to a tiny strip of land which could hardly support anyone. Each time Rudoff wrecked a car he became furious and beat up his mother and father.

Finally, they could stand it no longer. Christine attempted to hang herself and was prevented from doing so by hired hand Alfred Koenig.

The three occupants of the tiny farm held a meeting. They decided that the world would be a better place without Rudoff.

They would kill him. Alfred was told to do the job. Being a loyal and obedient employee, he agreed. Alfred sharpened his axe.

While Rudoff slept, he brought the axe down squarely on his head. Rudoff would torment his mother and father no more.

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The body was placed in a box and buried in a far corner of the farm. The conspirators confessed that they had known exactly what they were doing. They simply had decided that Rudoff would destroy them if he were allowed to live.

On March 2, 1984, Franz and Christine Reich were convicted on the reduced charge of manslaughter. Each was sentenced to two years imprisonment.

Alfred Koenig was found guilty of the same charge. He received a five-year sentence.



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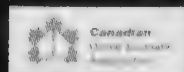
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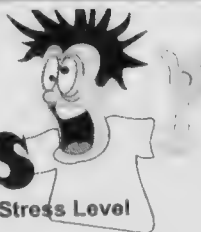


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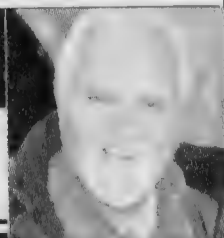
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Reflections from SoulWinds

by Brenda Peddigrew

Speed Bumps

In the season when bears roam the Highlands freely, many people – both cottagers and year-rounders – would readily name them as the greatest danger. I have written about this before in this column, and most readers know already where I stand on this topic – with the bears. Now I have come to notice what I believe is an even greater danger in the Highlands and that is speeding drivers.

Any evening on the local news you can see report after report of the fact that even outlandish fines are failing to slow down the ever escalating speed of Ontario drivers. In summer, that rush and hurry makes itself felt here, as people try to leave behind their pressured and over-filled lives – unsuccessfully. Instead, loud music at late hours, buzzing speedboats, and driving too fast on quiet country roads take over the rest-of-the-year pace for which many of us moved to the Highlands. The summer population swell is most important to the economy – that is not to be forgotten – but it also needs to be safe and manageable. Being regular walkers and mountain bikers, we have noticed this danger many times, and have mused again and again about how useless it is to post speed limits along these roads. Who, after all, would enforce them? Yet our country roads are narrow and winding, quiet and thick with green growth – and regularly spoiled by the threat of too-fast cars barreling along without thought of animals or walkers or bikers around the next unknown corner. Thus one morning on the walk we mused that a better answer to this problem might be speed bumps. Or – as one brighter friend proposed – don't fix the potholes!

Then it occurred to me that speed bumps are more evident in other ways as well. What if we adjusted our view of illness, for example, as a speed bump? What if we could see a sobering diagnosis of heart or thyroid disease, diabetes or diverticulitis or stomach ulcers or headaches or broken bones – not as illness, but as a speed bump, shaking us up into slowing us down?

For speed is the false god of our culture today. We worship it. We expect it. We strive for it. And if we can do five things at once with great speed, we'll be congratulated for it. The cultural addiction to speed, to instant everything, has subtly filled us with expectations, that – if not met – turns us into petulant children.

Our preference for getting through our daily list as quickly as possible has turned us into stones skipping over the water's surface and resenting/resisting the drop into depth that slows us down. But slowing down is something that will happen whether we choose it or not. Weather does it. Age is even more effective. Speed robs us of an inner life, and it severs us from nature, the Mother of all things coming slowly into their time and season.

So speed bumps, whether on the road or in the body or the soul, might be seen as invitations, at the least, or wake-up calls to notice what is really happening in this moment. An old Zen aphorism helps me: "Muddy water, let stand, become clear."

What if obstacles were only meant to turn our heads in another direction? Speed bumps might not only slow us down, but open window after window into vistas previously unseen.

try this: Notice when you're slowed or stopped by something you wouldn't choose. Now notice what else it might be telling you.

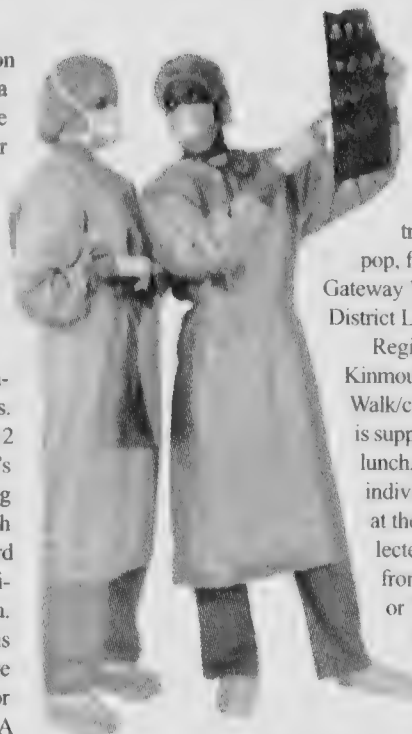
Kinmount Journey for Health -- 2008

by Lynne Kilby

Kinmount District Health Services Foundation invites you to come join in the fun to support a healthier community on Sunday, August 10. While celebrating the 10th anniversary of their Journey for Health fundraiser, the Foundation steps up to a new challenge. Ten years ago who would have thought they would now be seeking the services of a 3rd family doctor?

Back in 1999, after a "Doctors Wanted" sign caught her eye, Dr. Elena Mihi was successfully enticed by the extremely active health services committee to open a practice in Kinmount. The Foundation offered a beautiful office and financial incentives. Since then the rest is herstory. Services now include 2 general practitioners, a physiotherapist, the Alzheimer's and Arthritis Societies. Due to the ever-increasing waiting list, the Foundation has now decided to launch another major "WANTED" campaign to attract a third family doctor. Following the footsteps of their previous success, signage is distributed throughout the area. To accommodate the new doctor, the Foundation is currently in the midst of expanding the health centre building. For these reasons, this year's Journey for Health goal, set at \$20,000, doubles that of last year. A major part of past years' success is due to the generous support of businesses and individuals from Haliburton to Lindsay and beyond. Once again, Kinmount Pharmacy has generously offered to match the participant with the most pledges up to a maximum of \$1,500. Any other such gestures out there would be greatly appreciated.

You can help people in our area receive the health care they require in two different ways. Sponsor an individual or obtain a pledge sheet and join the doc-



tors and staff of Kinmount District Health Centre by walking or cycling a section of scenic Victoria Rail Trail. Invite some friends to journey with you. Why not challenge your friends to match or beat your pledges? Participants are encouraged to try for a minimum of \$50.00 in total pledges. The walking course is about 5 miles long while cyclists ride to Burnt River and back. Should you run into any difficulties along the way, transportation is available on a tractor pulled trolley. Water, pop, fruit and portable toilets are provided along the trail courtesy of Gateway Variety, Shop 'n' Save, Kinmount Freshmart and Kinmount & District Lions Club.

Registration time is 9:00 a.m. at Austin Sawmill Heritage Park in Kinmount. Parking is available at the park or Kinmount Railway Station. Walk/cycle time is 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. Lunch, served in the park at noon, is supplied by the Health Centre staff and Kawartha Dairy. Following lunch, at 12:30 p.m. a draw for prizes donated by local businesses and individuals takes place. It is easier for you if you collect your pledges at the time they are made and then bring your pledge sheet and collected money to the Journey for Health. Obtain your pledge form from Vic Balik (705)488-3053 or Joyce Brown (705) 488-2687 or (705) 447-2651. If you are unable to attend you can make a donation to the Kinmount District Health Services Foundation,

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By Tyson Farrell

Lisa Stoughton is All Smiles at Haliburton's New Independent Hygiene Clinic

Ever since the Kosy Korner restaurant moved to its new location a couple years ago, people have wondered what will happen in the vacant space below McKeck's Place. Passersby became even more mystified a few weeks ago when construction began in the former Kosy location. Signage was recently put up, and the public learned that the location would soon be home of a new business named *Lisa's Independent Hygiene Clinic*.

The clinic is owned and operated by Vancouver native Lisa Stoughton. Although Stoughton hails from the other side of the Rockies, she has a long history in Ontario and the Haliburton Highlands. She left British Columbia at the age of 18 and moved to Owen Sound to spend time with an old girl friend for a few months. Before Stoughton knew it, a few months in Ontario turned into 20 years.

In 1995 Stoughton graduated from Durham College with a diploma in dental hygienics. She soon met her future husband, Gooderham native Jason Stoughton, and moved to the Highlands in 1996. Before long Stoughton had a brood of three children: Jordan, Alec, and Cassandra.

For the last ten years Stoughton has worked with for Dr. Hindman, while also working part time for Dr. Smolen for the last six years. "By working with the local dentists for the last decade, I've built up strong relationships with a lot of people. I think I know almost everybody in the county," Stoughton said. "Dr. Hindman recently retired, and I decided that it was the perfect time to open up my own clinic. I've always wanted to be more independent, and operate my own business."

Although Hindman's retirement had a lot to do with Stoughton's new career move, a recently passed legislative bill is what allowed it to happen. "A bill was passed in September of 2007 that allows dental hygienists to operate their own clinics. Until now, we weren't able to do so. It's a new advancement in dental care. I think that I'm only the 14th hygienist-run clinic to open up in Ontario since the bill was passed."

When Stoughton decided to open up her own clinic, her husband gave his full support. "If it wasn't for Jason, I wouldn't have been able to do this. He's supported me emotionally, and he's responsible for the renovations. There was a lot of work to be done in the old Kosy building. Not an inch of the old wall remains, the kitchen is gone, there's been a lot new plumbing, and more. There is a new

floor, furnace, and ceiling. When you walk in, you won't recognize the space at all. All of the work has been done by my husband's company. If he wasn't doing it, it would have easily cost me over \$100,000."

Stoughton realizes that there is a lot of risk involved in opening a clinic. "I have to get the idea around that people don't need to go to dentists for all of their dental care. I'll be providing cleanings, scaling, polishing, mouth guards, and more. We're also offer-



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Stoughton knows that dental care can be expensive, and she's determined to help her patients out. "My clinic will be a considerably cheaper than going to the dentist. It's an affordable alternative for many families. I plan to charge people without medical insurance less money. If you come to my clinic, you'll get the same quality service of a dentist, but at a far more affordable price."

One of the most unique services that Stoughton will be supplying is a mobile clinic service. She plans to travel around the county and provide services to the various long term care centers. "I have a collapsible dental chair that I take with me and a case that contains my tools and suction unit. It's far more convenient for seniors to have dental care come to them."

Stoughton wants the esthetics of her clinic to be different than a traditional dental office. "On the door of my clinic is says the Kosy Klinik. This is a bit of a joke for the locals, but it also reflects the atmosphere I'm trying to create. I don't want kids to be scared when they come to the clinic. There's going to be a waiting room that doesn't look like a traditional waiting room. There are love seats, and even a fireplace. There is even an X-box corner to keep the children happy and entertained."

At the moment, the clinic is only employing one part time receptionist. In the future, Stoughton hopes to employ another hygienist to help her with the work load. "I'd like to find a semi retired dentist sometime in the future to come with me once a month when I go to the long term care homes. That would be even more beneficial and convenient for my patients."

With the old kitchen removed, there is still some vacant room in the building. "A friend of mine from the city is turning the former kitchen into a hair salon."



When you walk in the front door of the building, there are two doors in front of you. The door on the left will take you into my clinic, and the door on the right will take you down a corridor to the new hair salon."

It appears as though the old Kosy Korner location is the only

place in town where you can get both your hair cut and your teeth whitened. With its low prices and diverse services *Lisa's Independent Hygiene Clinic* promises to be a valuable addition to Highlands' healthcare services. "I'm excited to get things going," Stoughton said. "I want to help provide everybody in the county will good dental care." To reach the clinic call 457-GRIN (4746).



Emerging Artist's Work and More With the Newfangers!

Young, talented artists exist all over Haliburton County, and on Saturday, Aug. 2-Sunday, Aug. 3, you'll be able to see some of the fine creations that these young people have been able to come up with during the second annual Newfangers Art Festival.

It's a known fact that in Haliburton County there are many art festivals that cater to established artists, as well as those that showcase student artists. However, artists that are no longer students but not yet established professionals have few places to display their work.

Realizing that many artists are caught in between with no place to showcase their work, Haliburton natives Tiffany Howe and Chris Postill created the Newfangers Art Festival last year. The festival features young artists under the age of 30. It was held last summer near Carnarvon, and it showcased more than 30 artists. The festival was widely praised. Once again this year, you'll be able to get a glimpse of some original fine arts and high end crafts of all mediums that will be on display and for sale. A vast array of artwork will featured including classic to new media styles. Stay all day and you'll also be entertained by LIVE music, a fashion show, installations and theatrical performances! Don't miss this one! Help support the up and coming generation of artists and entertainers right from your own backyard! Newfangers is fresh, edgy, and like none other!

Newfangers has the support of several local organizations including: The Haliburton County Development Corporation, the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Foundation, the Ethel Curry Gallery and more.

The Newfangers Art Festival 2007 is being held at Rock Rose Studio which is located at 1123 Dennison Rd., Off Horseshoe Lk. Rd., Minden. Horseshoe Lk. Rd. connects to both Hwy. 35 and the Blairhampton.

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Roof Construction Said to Have Numerous Benefits

By Mark Arike

There are several different types of green roofs that can be used on a residential or commercial building. Many green roofs can be found in places like Chicago, Atlanta, Portland and other US cities where their use is encouraged to combat the urban heat island effect. An urban heat island is a metropolitan area which is significantly warmer than its surroundings.

So what is the definition of a green roof? A green roof is partially or completely covered with vegetation and soil, or a growing medium, planted over a waterproofing membrane. This does not refer to roofs which are merely coloured green like green roof shingles.

These types of roofs can also include layers of a root barrier and drainage and irrigation systems. Rooftop ponds are also a form of green roofs that are used to treat greywater. Greywater, also known as sullage, is non-industrial wastewater generated from domestic processes such as dishwashing, laundry and bathing.

The term "green roof" can also be used to indicate roofs that utilize some form of "green" technology, such as solar panels. Other names given to green roofs include: eco-roof, vegetated roofs and living roofs.



According to Kelven Goodridge, owner of Verticel Inc. in Toronto, green roofs are continually becoming a common alternative to the traditional roof.

Goodridge, who is currently assisting with the implementation of a partial green roof on the Sustainable Living Centre at the Kinark Outdoor Centre in Minden, says there are several ecological, economical and aesthetic benefits to having a green roof.

"They can insulate sound better, more butterflies and birds will come to your home and they protect your roof membrane," says Goodridge. Other benefits include: reduced heating and cooling loads on a building, reduced storm water run-off, filtration of pollutants and CO2 in the air and filtration of pollutants and heavy metals out of rain water.

Though Goodridge says that the average green roof for a residence will cost two to three times that of a regular roof, the long-term benefits will greatly overshadow the initial building costs.

"There's more labour involved but there are so many benefits. The cheapest extensive roofs start at \$8 per sq. ft and the average intensive roof starts at approximately

\$25 per sq. ft.," says Goodridge who adds that they can be put together

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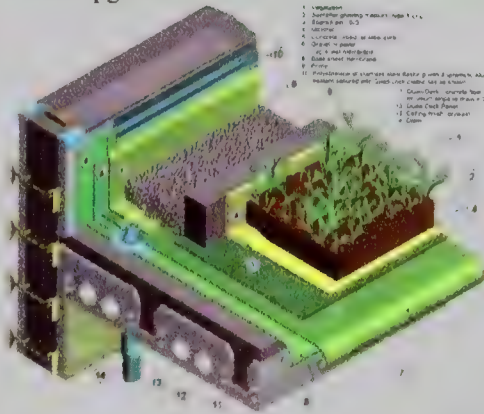
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Green roofs can be categorized as "intensive", "semi-intensive", or "extensive", depending on the depth of the planting medium and the amount of mainten-



"Dab clear nail polish on the threads of buttons. This will strengthen them and help to keep the button secured to the clothing." -- E.I. in Virginia

“Odd socks can be great cleaning tools, but they would sometimes get mixed back into the regular laundry. This was confusing, because I had to discover that they were odd socks all over again. I finally bought a fabric pen and now write a ‘C’ on all the odd socks. When I am sorting the laundry, it’s easy to tell which socks are cleaning socks.” -- P.L. in Texas

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The YWCA is Canada's oldest women's organization. For 135 years they have expressed the spirit, the struggle and the dedication of women who have fought for the improved status of women in Canada.

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Meet N' Greet With Local Area Artists

The art community in Haliburton County is booming and your chance to meet some of the artists and artisans who help make it all happen is right around the corner.

From Saturday, Aug. 9 – Sunday, Aug. 10 at 10 am-5 pm, come and enjoy a quality studio tour of fine arts and crafts while you experience some of the quaint communities of Highland Grove, Harcourt, Wilberforce, Tory Hill, Gooderham and Irondale.

This is the 6th annual Highlands East Art Tour and it is an excellent opportunity to view a wide variety of original works and see demonstrations from the artists themselves.

So stop by and meet these talented individuals in their studios and view the incredible variety of handcrafted and original works of art for sale. This is also an excellent opportunity to talk to the artists and journey with them through the creative process.

Discover beautiful, creative original watercolours, woodworking, pottery, photography, fabric art, metalworks, porcelain and much more. For a preview of each artist and studio tour map, brochures are available at tourist information centres and area businesses.

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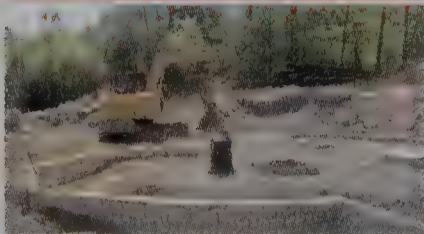
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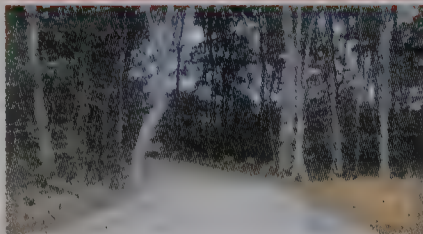
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Bringing the Country to Town Flowers and Livestock All In One Place

By Mark Arike

Minden resident Ruby Johnston has been busy bringing the country to town for the past three years.

Johnston, who has been a resident of Minden for the past 15 years, used to be the owner of Ruby's Riding Stables for 24 years before her husband passed.

"I missed the farm so bad, I thought I've got to do something here," said Johnston. "The Corral", as she calls it, is full of approximately 15 different plants and figurines. Last year, Johnston says that her garden caught the attention of many.

"Lots of people were taking photos of it. They thought it was something different,"



Ruby Johnston's Garden

she says.

Perhaps the most eye catching part of the garden is her ornamental livestock.

"The big white horse was bought by my son for my Birthday and my daughter got me the black horse."

So what does Johnston do when the wintry weather rolls in and the balmy temperatures disappear?

"I put everything away except for the white horse because he weighs a ton," she said. Johnston is also on the lookout for more pieces to add to her collection.

"I'd like to get a goat and some other livestock that I could put in there," said Johnston.

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IN THE LOCKER ROOM

By Terrance Gavan

How Joe Two Rivers Saved my Life

One of the perks wrapping around a job as irrigation manager on a golf course deep in the heart of cottage country in the East Kootenays in BC includes the Fairmont Range. A jackdaw jumble of jagged clefts, which hiccups nimbly from Invermere to Cranbrook. It's celebrated as one of the five prettiest ranges in the Rocky Mountain Chain.

Another perk includes serene holes played out on the back nine, overlooking the Columbia River, in those hours just between dusk and full moon. No one else on the course. The sprinkler heads already dispersed on the front nine. The John Deere Turf Pro four wheeler acting as ersatz cart. There is jazz playing through the sound system in the John Deere.

Dave Koz, Jacksoul and Steely Dan float mellifluously over the green parapet toward the high arching cliffs on the east and down the steep sides of the wide drooping Columbia Valley on the west.

I play two balls per hole. Never look for a ball. Another perk of working irrigation in the heart of the Rockies on an upscale course. In three days without even breaking stride we can collect 150 balls. Nice balls mind. High-end Titleists, Srixons, Top-Flites.

When it gets too dark to see the pin I plot a course of sprinklers on the back nine, always making sure to head out to 14 and shoo the herd of 37 or so elk from the greens and fairways and back down the steep terminus of the Columbia Valley.

One year, work included another perk. Getting to know a family of Black Bears who had made Mountainside Golf Course their summer home. We worked the same hours, the bears and I. Molly was the mum and Polly and Lolly were her two yearling cubs. They, like me, seldom ventured onto the course in the heat of the day, when the course was busy with shouts of fore, madly swaying carts and the crack and crumble of underbrush ingeniously cleared by mashie-wielding plaid and pastel colored lumberjacks.

Molly, Polly and Lolly preferred the late evening and the pitch of night. When it was quiet, except for the nuance and sway of tenor sax and Bradford Marsalis wafting above the gentle spzzt-spzzt-shzzzz-sprttt of the sprinkler heads. We were never what you might call fast friends, Molly, Lolly, Polly and I, but we did, after a few weeks, come to an understanding of sorts. Molly would "rowfff" deeply when Lolly or Polly ventured too close to my cart, and she would stamp the ground and indulge in some mock charges when I got a little too familiar. But mostly I could go about my business with little fear. Twenty-five feet was the chosen buffer. Any closer and we both got a little nervous. Twice, the cubs attempted to broach the recognized "Magenot Line" and both times I simply

Golfing with Bears and Ursus Horribilis

turned a sprinkler head on them and they soon learned to keep their distance. Bears hate water, especially when fired from a sprinkler head at 600 psi.

Now bears are not generally regarded as a perk of night work on a golf course, especially in the heart of the Rockies where bear vigilance often goes hand-in-hand with self-preservation. In fact, because we were working alone in open cart at night, night irrigation staff were treated each year to a "Bear Aware" class held by legendary BC Natural Resources Officer Wombat Kerzinski.

I took the course for three seasons and Wombat started each seminar with the same bold spark. He would unbutton his light brown BC Resources khaki shirt, revealing the upper part of his torso, and a nasty alabaster scar stretching from shoulder to belt line. Then he would pull up his trouser leg revealing an equally hideous ankle to thigh ragged and sawn rip.

"And that ladies is how Ursus Horribilis says hello," chuckled Wombat. "For those of you who never took Latin in high school, ursus means bear and horribilis ... well you get the picture. We call them Grizzlies and you don't ever want to meet one alone on a lonely trail at sunset. And if you do, well, I hope you are right with your god, have your papers in order and are carrying a change of underwear." And here Wombat would laugh, gently, knowingly. "The clean shorts will come in handy, just in case you're one of the lucky few that come away from this little tête-à-tête with Ursus Horribilis unscathed."

And then he would proceed to take us through our paces. The tips came like staccato burps from a popgun.

Wombat's tip number one: "Never run from a bear, because you will be mistaken for prey. Remember that bears are like people, they just love fast food," chuckled Wombat, a joke that is met with the usual smack and smatter of nervous giggles, especially from the new staffers who have just arrived for the summer from Great Britain.

Wombat's tip number two: "Popular misconceptions. Please my ladies, don't climb a tree. Bears can climb trees and they do it faster than most humans. You are not Tarzan ladies. And also, don't run downhill ... we have heard that bears don't run downhill very well ... news flash here ladies ... humans are not particularly good at it either ... and you don't want to be rolling downhill in front a tumbling bear, because when you reach the bottom and you both stand up, that bear is going to be very, very angry, because bears get pissed when you make 'em look stupid. And when that happens you will want to have your bear spray handy. You will want to point it at the bear and press the button when the bear is within three feet. That way when the wind blows it back in your face and blinds you, and you will not be able to see as the bear runs you down and proceeds to swat away at your noggin like Sugar Ray Robinson on a speed bag." Wombat was not a big fan of the bear spray.

Wombat's tip number three: "Challenge a Black Bear ... yell, shout, whistle, stand on your tiptoes, wave your arms, stomp the ground, make a few fake

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charges. And now ... listen very carefully," Wombat would say ominously, leaning into the group. "When you meet a Grizzly, avert your eyes, get small, say a prayer, and never assume a challenging posture ... oh ... and if you have a cell ... the number to call is 911. Just so they'll know where to send the coroner." This last bon mot, followed by a large guffaw.

Johnny Elton, the summer worker from Liverpool, asks: "How, do we know it's a Grizzly, Wombat?"

"Well, ladies," whispers Wombat, "I could give you the textbook flash, but let's just say ... you'll know ... and we'll leave it at that."

And of course Wombat was right. A night in August, back in 2001. It was 10 pm. I was just popping out to chase the elks off the back holes. Usually they required some urging. But not this night. The herd was skittish and had already started toward the bank sloping to the valley.

In hindsight this should have presented a warning. Instead I decided to play a ball onto 15 at the very back edge of the course. My ball wandered just off the fringe and I detoured into the brush. My cart was 100 feet away and so was my walkie-talkie. I had a seven iron and two provisional balls in my hand when I heard the noise. I peered through the brush and noticed the dark form. "Molly ... what are you doing back here," I yelled, at the same time looking around for signs of Lolly and Polly. The shape moved again, and so did every hair on my body. Wombat's words came back like the cold hard crack and slap of a wet towel in a grade-nine gym class.

"You'll know." And in that nano-second blink, I knew. This was not Molly. Molly liked to spend her time on the front nine, near the cottages and the time-shares and the berry trees. I was on the back nine, in the gentle folds of a Rockies night, alone, seven feet from *Ursus Horribilis*. He was on his hind legs and he was sniffing the air. The wind was at his back. He (she?) had been stalking the Elk on the far fringes of the course. The Elk had picked up his scent and that's why they had moved off. I cursed my stupidity. The hairs on the back of my neck were up and I had a tingling sensation of raised flesh up and down my spine.

The clouds suddenly drew back revealing a full moon and it fell on us like a theatrical spot. We were suddenly etched against the night. I gripped the seven iron. I forgot all I had ever read about Grizzly bears, anything that Wombat had said in three years of bear aware tutelage.

What popped into my head was a long-forgotten call sign. "XNY556 A for Apple calling XNY556 G for George ... come in George." The *Forest Rangers*, that iconic CBC television staple from my youth. And then a picture of Joe Two Rivers (Mike Zenon), flooded my neuron-knocking noggin. Joe Two Rivers. Of course. He would talk, gently in Ojibwa to the bear; the bear would cock its head; Joe would talk some more; the Grizzly would then return to all fours, nod gently and amble away.

My problem. No Ojibwa. I spoke one sentence of *Saulteaux-Cree*, and I wasn't going to tell this 500 pound grizzly to "go to hell." For some reason I knew that English wouldn't work. Joe Two Rivers spoke excellent English and he

never once used it to commune with the bears he met once or twice per *Forest Rangers* episode. My mind raced.

Icelandic! I spent summers on the farm with Icelanders. My mother had grown up speaking Icelandic. I grew up with it summers near Gimli, that Icelandic enclave in the heart of Manitoba's Interlake.

And so I turned to the bear and like Joe Two Rivers (denying Wombat's advice) I looked my grizzly square in the eyes and whispered "Fara heim, kyssa kýra asnit" over and over again.

We stood eye to eye, for what seemed like an eternity. I never stopped talking, never broke eye contact. Harkening Joe Two Rivers, I maintained that stoic stance. Calmly I chanted "Fara heim, kyssa kýra asnit" like a mantra. I lost all track of time and space. Suddenly, the bear fell to fours, shook his head gently, turned around and sauntered gently away.

(Yes, okay. Fara heim means go home; Kyssa kýra means kiss the cow's; and asni is the part of the cow visible from the north as it ambles south. English translation?: "Go home and kiss the cow's a** ... um... behind.")

I did two things when I got back to the cart. I phoned the Fairmont Lodge to ask them to report the Grizzly sighting.

And I reached into my knapsack for that extra pair of Calvin Kleins. Yes, folks, Bo knows football.

But Wombat Kerzinski knows Grizzlies.

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Success with Segregated Funds

with Susan Lee

It has been a busy year for economic volatility, the sub prime mortgage issue in the U.S., the Canadian dollar running close to par with the U.S. dollar, oil prices ??? Housing market had been on a steady rise for 7 years, but now appears to be showing signs of slowing down. The government announcing, effective October 2008 the maximum mortgage amortization will be reduced to 35 years and the 0% down payment will be eliminated are a few of many things happening in the economy. I could write for hour after boring hour about the potential roll off effect and what the experts are predicting and how inflation is a risk to the rate of return on investments, but I won't. We have seen this happen before and we will again. However, these short term uncertainties makes it hard to invest in the markets or stay in the markets even though logic and statistics tells us that over time the stock market and housing market always goes up. What I am going to write about today is about an investment product that helps to cushion economic volatility by providing some guarantees during unsteady economic times

I have already touched base on this product not that long ago, but with all that is going on today with the world, I thought I would dedicate a whole article to the features of segregated funds

Segregated funds are not a new investment product. They have been around and successful for many years. Most of us learn about investments such as GIC, RRSP, mutual funds from our chartered banks. Because chartered banks are not allowed to sell insurance products, although they have been trying for years to get this rule changed, they only promote products that they can provide which explains the limited public knowledge of this product

Segregated funds are investment products offered by insurance companies. Most work in unison with a mutual fund company who has the expertise of managing money and the insurance company adds some special features which are available only through an insurance company

With this investment product, you can add a beneficiary to all investments not just RRSP or RIF. In fact, you can name multiple beneficiaries if you want. There are 3 big benefits to this. First, the investment is not tied up in an estate so your beneficiary will receive the funds within 30 days of the insurance company receiving a death certificate. Second, because it is not part of the estate it is not included in the estate for calculating probate fees. Third, it is a closed document, unlike a will, and no one can find out who you named as your beneficiary and it cannot be contested like a will. With a segregated fund, if the market invested in is down from when you first invested, the beneficiary will receive either 75 or 100% of the initial amount invested, depending on the fund.

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I am just touching the tip of this product and it really requires an appointment to discuss in full. Not all investment advisors have segregated funds in their line of investment products.

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It's the Law *It's the Law*

In 1993, the mayor of Cebreros, Spain, officially banned humans and dogs from running in the streets.

The city of Port Henry, N.Y, has passed a law forbidding anyone from disturbing the sea creature believed to live in Lake Champlain!

In Essex Falls, New Jersey, an old law stated that ducks could not quack after ten P.M.

TRIVIA TEST

1. GEOGRAPHY: In area, what is the largest country in the world that borders on only one other country?
2. MOVIES: What art is featured in the movie "The Red Shoes"?
3. GAMES: How many letters are drawn to begin a game of "Scrabble"?
4. SCIENCE: What is the study of cells called?
5. LANGUAGE: What is a quidnunc?
6. TELEVISION: Who was Mary's best friend and neighbor in "The Mary Tyler Moore Show"?
7. HISTORY: Which city hosted the 1936 Summer Olympics?
8. AUTOMOBILES: What was the make, year and model of the car in The Beach Boys' hit song "Little Deuce Coupe"?
9. LITERATURE: What are the first names of "The Brothers Karamazov"?
10. MUSIC: Who performed the hit song "Maybellene" in 1955?

Answers

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Child Support

Child support is a fact of life when a marriage breaks down and there are children involved. One of the recent areas of concern in family court is whether a parent must support an adult child who repudiates the relationship between them. One of the more common areas is whether or not attendance in a post-secondary institution will be a sufficient reason to entitle the child to support from a parent. As a result of a seminal case in British Columbia in the early 1990's, courts now consider a number of factors in determining this issue because child support is simply not a conclusion which follows automatically from proof of attendance at the institution. Relevant factors include the following: (1) whether the child is in fact enrolled in a course of studies and whether it is a full-time or part-time course of studies; (2) whether or not the child has applied for or is eligible for student loans or other financial assistance; (3) the career plans of the child, that is, whether the child has some reasonable and appropriate plan or is simply going to college because there is nothing better to do; (4) the ability of the child to contribute to his own support through part-time employment; (5) the age of the child; (6) the child's past academic performance, that is, whether the child is demonstrating success in the chosen course of studies; (7) what plans the parents made for the education of their children, particularly where those plans were made during cohabitation; (8) in the case of a child who has reached the age of majority (19 years), whether or not the child has unilaterally terminated the relationship with the parent from whom support is sought. In this seminal case, the court denied child support because the child was proceeding at a leisurely pace through the university system. In other words, the child had nothing better to do.

In the next column, I will be talking about negligent investigation by the police.

Learn A Word

Mantic

\ˈman-tik\ *adj.*: of or relating to the faculty of divination: prophetic.

"You may be skeptical now of my mantic skills," said the fortune teller, "but you'll soon learn to believe in my prophecies."

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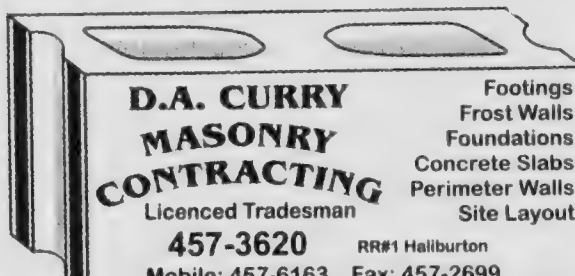
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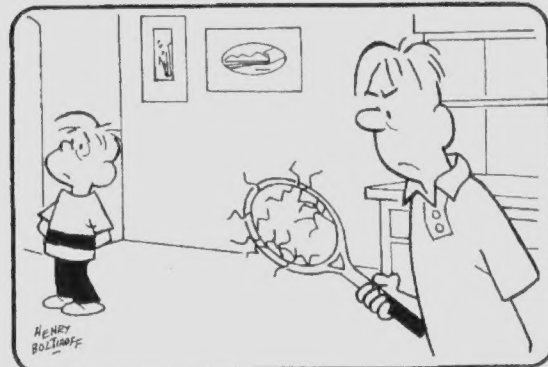
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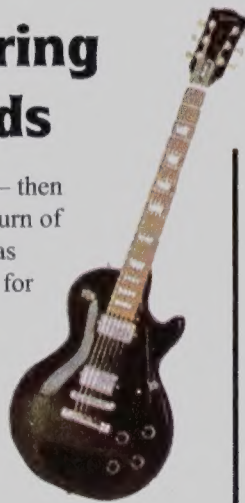
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Rawcliffe - Featuring FIVE Great Bands

If you are looking to catch some great bands – then head to the Rockcliffe on August 1st for the return of local artists Born Destroyers (formally known as Obsidian). They are part of a five band line up for that evening.

The other bands performing are: Wolves of Anson-Haliburton; Karnaj- Quebec; Min-disight-Orillia; and Fathom Ties-Kingston

The event – called RAWCLIFFE – takes place Friday August 1st. Doors open 8:00 and the cost is \$10 at the door. 1st band at 9:00 - last band on at 12:00.



Church Events

Summer Salad Supper (and Silent Auction)

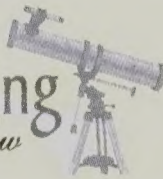
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Tickets at the door. The ladies of the UCW welcome you to the Supper which will be in support of their projects for and through the Haliburton United Church. As well, a SILENT AUCTION will be held the same evening, Saturday, August 16th at 7:30 p.m. Items are on display at the church and your bid can be entered prior to Aug. 16th. This is a fundraiser for the Building Fund of Haliburton United Church. Please join us in our Fellowship Room !

Scientifically Speaking

What When Where Why How



How Much Paper Does One Tree Make?

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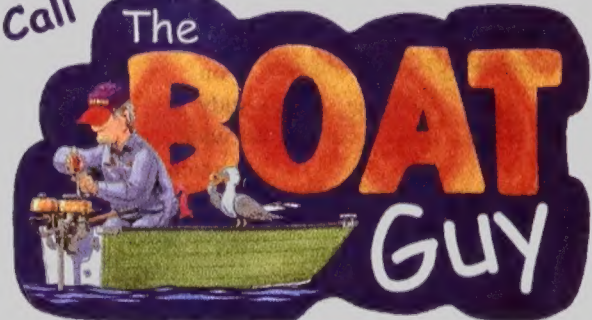
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Yes, Barbie has a last name. It's Roberts.

Director Wes Craven reportedly named the character Freddy Krueger, from the "Nightmare on Elm Street" horror films, after a kid who had bullied him in school.

Next time you feel a yawn coming on, you might want to be careful: Those who study such things say that if your yawn is too wide, you could break your jaw. Also, if you stretch while you yawn, you could dislocate your shoulder.

A 15th-century man named Lodovico Cortusio evidently hated any and all expressions of grief. In fact, he forbade anyone to mourn at his funeral after his death on July 17, 1418. In his last will and testament, he specified that the person who laughed the most at his funeral would inherit the most, while anyone who cried would be disinherited.

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